



St Peter & St Paul

Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden

Parish of Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden

Annual Report 2021



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1 Services

Before Rosie left last April, she set up an arrangement with neighbouring parishes to cover our services for two Sundays a month. Rev Deiniol Hayward and Rev Sally Moring have been very helpful in honouring this commitment. We have also had support from RAF Chaplains and several retired vicars. Apart from slight crises, one vicar taken to hospital a few days before he was due to come and all clergy in Prestwood succumbing to covid, when Bishop Alan has come to our rescue: we have not been without a priest for our communions services. In fact, all the visiting clergy have been so nice and relaxed and seem to enjoy coming to us.

Tricia Neale has been very busy taking reserved sacrament to Ballinger and Little Hampden as well as Matins to Little Hampden. Our team of Lay people have stepped up to the challenge of Evensong at St Peter & St Paul and Morning Prayer at Ballinger, where we have been made very welcome.

The interregnum has been a challenge for us all but we look forward to Rev Malcolm Chalmers coming to take the helm.

Brenda Harris

2 Parish Operations

During the first part of 2021 although the Covid restrictions made life difficult, we had two Churchwardens and Rosie as vicar. The Churchwardens stood down at last year's Annual Meeting and Rosie left after Easter. A team of Church members was established to handle the day-to-day operations of the Parish: David Harris, Val Withams, Martyn Green, Mike O'Farrell and Guy Priestley. This team worked closely with Harriet in the office and managed to keep things going as the various lockdown restrictions were gradually lifted. Mike resigned from this team because of pressure from his other commitments and Rosemary Ladd, who took over from David as PCC secretary joined the team. With very active support from Brenda who has arranged all the visiting clergy during the interregnum, and the PCC members and groups, services have continued to be well attended and the team is looking forward to the arrival of the new Vicar, Malcolm Chalmers.

Some services, weddings and funerals have continued to be streamed on Facebook with our student Connor actively driving the equipment.

David Harris

3 St Mary's Ballinger

Throughout the last couple of chequered years, dominated by coronavirus, vaccinations and lockdowns as well as uncertainty, loneliness and isolation, St. Mary's has remained the beating heart of the community and many have found solace within its walls.

Apart from a few rare occasions, St. Mary's is always open and with numbers increasing at our services to near pre-pandemic levels, combined with an even greater diversity of activities, this little church is proving more popular than ever.

However, with Christmas once again compromised and our Christingle service cancelled due to Covid. Maggi's excellent idea of Carols in the Garden which she introduced in 2020 has become a regular tradition and despite the inevitable rain, is loved by all. Since the last lockdown though and with the gradual drift back to normality we have been able to re-establish a more regular pattern with monthly worship becoming the norm. We are also very pleased that additional services are once again being introduced; Evening Prayers in April and our Parochial Evensong in May in the first instance.

2021 saw not one but two weddings, in each the families had local connections and were delighted to be able to enjoy such a special day at St. M. The Franciscans were warmly welcomed too as they celebrated St Francis-tide in October.

Outside of our church commitments St. Mary's still provides the perfect venue for smaller gatherings; the WI continues to hold their monthly games afternoons on Tuesdays throughout autumn and winter. A bi-monthly supper club has started up this year and the D of E use St Mary's to lighten their loads and picnic in the gardens. We are intending to introduce our coffee mornings every two weeks as the weather improves.

The hilltop villages are spearheading an initiative to support any Ukranian families who re settle in this area and so we have offered St. Mary's as a meeting place, a sanctuary, a place of comfort. Our church was built because the generosity of Abraham Watson, it was his vision for the community and as it will be 150 years old in 2023 it seems very appropriate for us to make it available to those in need.

Given the extreme weather over the last couple of years Maggi and I have noticed that the fabric of the building is beginning to suffer, particularly on the south wall. With Covid our opportunities to fund raise have been severely limited and so we have applied for a couple of grants. Sweet Charity have kindly sponsored (and we are match funding) the repair of the two stained glass windows and their frames. We now need to tackle the render which is letting in damp and so are approaching historic churches for a grant as it is imperative that this is sorted out before the onset of winter storms.

We have new neighbours; at No 2, Watson Cottages we welcome Rebecca Bazzard and her delightful son Nelson. On the other side of the hedge at Bluff Cottage, life has gone full circle and once again we look forward to another Upcott family moving in. Amy (Cic and Derek's granddaughter) and her husband Leon are currently reconstructing the original house ready for August.

Of course, Maggi and I are extremely dependent on the goodwill and expertise of our Treasurer Ed Whymark, who has kept us financially sound and we have been lucky to receive a steady trickle of donations. Gerard Hallows, Bernice Fuggle and Ken Harratt have provided some sparkling music whilst Mary Gould and Adele McCormack, Tammi Riley-Smith and John Dilworth look after the lawns, tubs, hanging baskets and church flowers. John Conway is always on hand to attend to the inevitable odd jobs.

Maggi and I would also like to thank our church family during this Interregnum; Tricia, the wonderful Lay Team and of course Harriet and Emma. You have certainly supported us on this bumpy road and for that we are extremely grateful.

Anne Ellis & Maggi Cameron

4 Little Hampden

Life slowly returned to normal for us at the end of March when almost normal services could be resumed. Many thanks to Tricia who was determined to get Lt Hampden going again. And she did. The congregation returned and we were very quickly back up to the numbers that attended before the great pestilence of 2020.

One of the best moments of the year was the Harvest Festival in which we were able not only to raise a decent amount for the church but also provide a very generous donation from all residents in Lt Hampden to the food bank run by Holy Trinity in Prestwood.

In September we repaired the porch that had begun to leak due to rotting timbers and the crumbling of the old render. This was highlighted in our Quinquennial inspection and we are incredibly grateful to The Bucks Historic Churches Trust who have made a very generous donation towards the repair. As a practical way of saying "Thank-you" the Trustees hope that the PCC will be able to make regular contributions to the Trust, enabling them to continue helping churches in need of assistance when faced with large repair bills, and that individuals will consider joining The Friends of Buckinghamshire's Churches. We were also able to reclaim the VAT due to the great DCMS VAT refund scheme.

We shall continue to work through the items on the Quinquennial list as the year progresses and are fortunate enough to be able to use our cash flow to do these works. This is thanks to the very generous collections made by our regular congregation, CAF donations and money left in our donation box.

We would like to mention and thank Wendy and Ken who play our esoteric organ with great skill and bring joy to the hymns as well as a lively tempo that makes us all think we're in the choir. We would also like to thank Tim Clarke who played on many occasions for us and has now retired as Chief Organist.

Mention must also be made of Geoff Hopwood who sadly died on 3rd April 2022. Geoff would always come and play his accordion on all the big occasions such as the Carol Service and Harvest festival, creating a festive party atmosphere. He will be missed.

Once again we are always grateful to Tricia who continues to run Little Hampden Church with a passion and energy that reflects in our services. We much look forward to welcoming Malcolm to Lt Hampden, and congratulate him on his appointment.

Christopher Figg

5 Fabric

As there is due to be another Quinquennial inspection next year, it was felt that some of the outstanding items from the previous list should be addressed before then.

The DAC were approached for permission under the Archdeacon's certificate for the next tranche of work to be carried out on the church's south side. This proved to be a very frustrating time, and due to the delay by the DAC in finalising this, we were not able to engage Jon Suttle, stonemason for the work until 2022. There was a similar scenario with the rainwater goods on the north side, and the delay has also cost another £1,000. Both these items should be dealt with shortly.

In the churchyard, drains were flushed out, the cesspit emptied (after 35 years), new strong pedestrian drain covers replace the broken ones. All gutters and downpipes were cleared, and wire coverings were put over the top of the hoppers and bottom of all the downpipes to prevent leaf blockage. The downpipes were painted.

Additional shingle was added to the church car park area. The posts and gate to the entrance of the bridge had rotted, and were replaced in cooperation with the council.

Sally Clark

6 Music

A year of adapting to Covid – most recently incapacitating many of our congregation, the choir and myself right through Holy Week and Easter Day (2022), which was very disappointing. Very fortunately for us, Val's father-in-law Eric Withams came to the rescue out of retirement and was able to play for Good Friday and Easter Day with a choir of just 7 and some material we'd pre-recorded last Easter-for which we were extremely grateful!

In between Covid interruptions we had 10 weddings, including one in December with carols and church decked out magnificently with some 9 full grown Christmas trees and lanterns, so that it felt like entering Narnia (minus the snow)

We held 3 Hymns and Pimms fundraising events throughout the year for an organ humidifier: 3 because I'd underestimated just how many different hymns our congregation would request. 60! All the favourites, plus some 'new to us' ones – Jeff Buckley's Hallelujah, Abba Father and Creator God. Big thanks to our hosts: Chris Nickless, Brenda Harris and Martyn Green, and to Mike and Sue O'Farrell who replenished glasses. Whether it was the Hymns or the Pimms, or most likely both – we had great fun and a humidifier has now been installed, thanks also to a generous grant from Sweet Charity.

In November we joined the local churches in a 'Caring Together' service of prayer and music at GM Baptist church, with some £1500 raised for Wycombe Refugee Partnership.

All our musicians have had to re-invent how best to offer music, in particular, singing in a safe way: we have continued with the Low Altar so that the Chancel only contains the choir and have recorded when necessary, thanks to Graeme Petrie-Brown.

Bob Chilcott rehearsed and then performed a small select Come and Sing in a marquee outside the East window, on a hill, with the background noise of the 413 - real testimony to his passion and commitment as a composer to inspire singing and learning new repertoire. We look forward to his return visit in July.

Similarly, Alex Flood led GM Choral Society with carols down on the Buryfield carpark, after giving an organ recital in the church. We have their May concert to look forward to next week with the great German Romantic composers.

Chiltern Arts hosted the Sacconi String Quartet including the mighty Shostokovich 8th Quartet with a socially distanced audience and we look forward to their visit next month – this time bringing Silver Baroque-with music by Monteverdi, Purcell and Handel.

Lastly a huge thankyou to the choir who have put up with numerous changes of anthem according to the numbers we've been able to provide at the time, often on the day – we are getting there and we look forward to a music-filled year ahead!

Wendy Harris

7 Servers

The past year has seen a resumption of regular Sunday services at 08:00 and 10:00 with visiting clergy during interregnum. The servers team has been steadfast in embracing the challenge that comes with working with a different vicar each week. Services have continued in the usual smooth and fluent style. Thank you to all servers for managing so admirably over the last year. Communion has been limited to receiving wafers only and with careful handling and sanitisation of hands and with masks in place for the vicar and server. This looks set to continue well into the coming year. Our 08:00 server team been made up of 3 people for the past 2 years and I would be grateful to hear from anyone who feels that they can step in to help us with the early 8am service. Anyone interested in joining the team for either 8am or 10am services is most welcome and is encouraged to make contact. We are looking forward to our new incumbent vicar, Malcolm, starting with us in July this year and to working with him.

Stephen Tanno

8 Safeguarding

The last year has seen a significant increase in our focus on this activity with strong support from the church office and parishioners. A new policy has been established and published.

Advice has been taken from the Deanery as to how we implement the “comply or explain” policy given the shortage of resource. Contact has been established with the Diocese so they are aware of situation.

3 priorities have been highlighted where there will be focus over next 3 months

Update of website (in progress)

Establishing of DBS administrator (agreed)

Establishing of dashboard

In addition PCC members will be asked to participate in on-line training programmes as it has now been confirmed that this is a requirement. At least 4 individuals including Safeguarding officer have completed these already.

Finally I would like to thank Harriet, our office manager and Alan Mustoe, a relatively new member of the congregation and a retired vicar for his help and also for his willingness to continue to be part of this process as we bring things up to date.

Mike O'Farrell

9 Pastoral Care and Healing Ministry

The beginning of the Year began with the telephone being the only point of contact. And what a wonderful tool it is for so many who have no other means of contact. So our thanks to all on the prayer chain and beyond for making use of it to alleviate loneliness, we enjoyed a couple of coffee mornings outside the Church in the sunshine in late summer. It recreated a warm welcome to all who joined us. However the coffee mornings were unable to resume on a weekly basis till October and held in Church because the parking and access is so much easier for many. We are now enjoying some new faces which has helped those who live alone and are enjoying a break from home. Slava Miles has been a tower of strength creating the lists of people who have become part of KIT (Keeping In Touch) enabling us all to make contact easily. We are all so grateful to you all for helping us to keep in touch and being available to call on people if there is a request.

The Healing Team are now able to meet regularly for prayer. We also have been able to be available in the Lady Chapel on Sunday mornings for a time of prayer to those who wish to come. Prayer is a lifeline and personal prayer can offer us a healing moment, we all hope you will find these moments memorable and helpful.

Our thanks go out to our Parish and those who live beyond who have cared so diligently for friends and neighbours during a very difficult time in all our lives.

Tricia Neale and Slava Miles

10 Mission

To follow

Tricia Neale

11 Outreach and Events

We are a small newly formed group with a main aim to reach out to our community through various events. One of our main events is the continuing cream teas which are running every Sunday from Easter until September. There has been amazing support setting up for this event for 2022 and thank everyone involved. There are other events planned for the coming year including The Christmas Tree Festival in December, a Science Festival in October, A Bring and Sing Event in July, A Cello Concert in September, together with joining in with the village Jubilee event in June. Our new vicar, Malcolm and his wife, Janet, will be joining us in July and we hope the congregation and the community will be able to join together to welcome them at the church on Sunday 24th July after his first service with us.

Sue O'Farrell

12 Finance

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
To December 2021	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Income	103058	129200
Less: Share	66387	75000
Other Expenditure	44112	38218
-DEFICIT-/SURPLUS	<u>-7441</u>	<u>15982</u>

2020 includes the £28000 one off appeal

In the above: Surpluses from Little

Hampden & Ballinger	2561	5597
[Deficit] from St P & P/ Surplus 2020	[10002]	10385
Bank balances and investments	243421	231836
Restricted funds therein	199815	199940

This implies that Unrestricted Funds should get us through 2022/early 2023, but increased Income is required. Inflation will hit the Church, eg Oil has increased in price considerably as all will be aware of.

This is an apposite time for an energy revie. The major spends being at Church and the Oldham Hall. The PCC ought to address this. We MUST get the Finances in order by December 2022 so that the new incumbent starts with a balanced budget. The Church is projecting a deficit for 2022. The PCC needs to act on this.

I have resigned as Book-keeper and this post is in the process of being outsourced. There are cost implications.

Martyn Green

13 Youth Work

MAP

The youngest church group MAP (Making and Praising) aims to meet on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month and on special festivals such as Easter. We meet in the bell tower and reassure parents that the children can run backwards and forwards, often showing off wonderfully sticky and glittery creations they have made! Our members are generally in school years from Reception to Year 4 and children who are older, and have come up through MAP, are welcomed and an effort is made to provide age appropriate activities. It's lovely that we now have Anna in the creche looking after younger brothers and sisters in the Carrington Pew.

We have outings to Road Farm in the spring, picnics at Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital in the summer and fruit picking at Peterley in the autumn. Sessions are usually themed and include a variety of activities including treasure hunts, craft, cooking, stories, gardening and games. We are also planning a treasure hunt around Great Missenden in the summer and hopefully the children can help out with their parents at Cream Teas.

We still struggle to compete with sport on a Sunday morning so attendance can be low.

Chloe Lewis

Roots

Over the last year Roots have continued to meet on an occasional basis. The group consists of 4 members all over the age of 17. Most of the group members are in their final year of school doing A-levels and so to not cause them undue pressure and to ensure they kept wanting to attend, we decided to hold meetings a couple of times a term over a meal at one of the Great Missenden restaurants (Fan Fan was a firm favourite!).

During the meals we would have discussions on what it means to be a Christian and invariably went on long tangents! Roots will be coming to an end this summer as all the members finish school but I hope they will continue to meet and support each other on the next phase of their life. It's been a real privilege to watch them grow and develop their faith over the last few years and it's been great to have the support of Adrian and Eleanor. We all wish them the best of luck as they go out into the world and hope they know that their St P&P family will always welcome them anytime with open arms.

Katie Shuster

14 PCC

Since the last APCM in July 2021 we have had PCC meetings in person in the Oldham Hall. As ever these meetings have brought forth lively discussions and we are looking forward to welcoming the Rev'd Malcolm Chalmers as Chairman after his licensing in July. The Fabric Committee and Finance Committee have been supportive and the Outreach and Events Group have replaced a Fundraising Group.

Rosemary Ladd

15 Parish Office

The beginning of 2021 saw the office being closed again due to the pandemic and it was closed on and off for the first part of the year. Come the Summer it opened and remained open, and I feel I have finally begun to get to get to know the people of the parish.

The office has continued to function with planning of some church events, baptisms, funerals, and weddings. Covering communications through email, phone and updating the website and sending out the weekly Friday email through Mailchimp.

In January Elizabeth moved on to her own new parish and the office became quite for a while until we had temporary tenants in the Autumn. July saw Rosie retire and the operation of the church move to a core team including me, where I have supported the weekly functioning of most aspects of church life. November the office moved to 102 High Street, a bright, light warm office with a more village focused location. The office move meant a big clear out of the office in the vicarage with bags going to the dump, charity, and a professional disposal company.

There were a few more events in church, 7 weddings took place, many re-booked from 2020 and 11 Baptisms both making the church office feel more alive. Thankfully there did not seem to be an increase in funerals with there being only 39, 4 less than 2019. There have also been a few events in church mostly towards the end of the year including Bob Chilcott Come and Sing, Hymns & Pimms, the local schools coming back for services, our own Christmas Tree Festival, Great Missenden Choral Society Concert and a Memorial Concert.

Other activities going on the office has included helping with interregnum planning and the two interview processes. Keeping the website up to date along with Facebook, creating service sheets.

Thanks goes again to Esther Rose who has covered the office when I am not here, to Emma Ife for doing the Newsheet every week.

Harriet Lemon

16 Bell ringing

2021 started with very few ringers and another Covid lockdown preventing recruitment and training. Fortunately as the year progressed we did manage to train some new recruits who are now ringing for Sunday services and we have some further recruits making steady progress towards competent and safe bell handling. Following birds managing to peck through the netting behind the Sanctus bell and enter the tower the netting was replaced and necessary cleaning up undertaken. Discussions have now been started with the faculty office about the extent of works which can be undertaken within the general permissions to replace and repair netting as part of enhancing the weather protection of the bells.

Learning to ring could be termed a lifetime endeavour as there is always opportunity to ring more complex methods but generally it takes perhaps 3 months to progress to safe and competent bell handling and several more months to master even simple methods (changing the sequence of the bells at every stroke (dong)) so it will be some time before we can routinely ring methods on all of the bells for services. If you're lucky you may get to hear all 8 bells rung by occasional visiting bands and it remains our hope that Christmas 2022 may have a local band ringing all of the bells unlike the last few years when this has not occurred due to either Covid restrictions and/or a lack of ringers.

Christopher Potter

17 Eco Church

As most of you will have seen we have had a wonderful display of snowdrops around the church earlier in the year and now daffodils, primrose are in full flower, violets are coming out and there is a carpet of yellow celandines in front of the west doors. Last year I counted one cowslip plant and this year I have seen at least five. Do look at the poster Keith Ray has produced.

We began this re-wilding of the churchyard in October 2019 and are now beginning to see the benefits of this project, which in turn will encourage a greater diversity of wildlife around the church. I do encourage you to take time and slowly walk through the old churchyard, there is so much to see.

We are very fortunate to have this land, which we can use for our own health and wellbeing, but can also develop for the benefit of local wildlife. This is so important especially with the HS2 contractors destroying so much of the habitat around us. Making corridors for wildlife is so very essential.

All the local birds love our bird feeder, kindly donated by Lucy Wilson. However, we are going through birdseed now like there is no tomorrow. If you would like to donate something towards purchasing the birdseed it would be gratefully received.

In the autumn and the new year, students from Chiltern View Academy helped to tidy up and cut away brambles and ivy from around some of the gravestones in the old burial ground, as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. We have received several grateful comments from folk visiting family graves on seeing the work that has been carried out.

Earlier in the year we had a hedgehog survey, helped by Prestwood Nature. Unfortunately, there were no hedgehogs, but great fun was had by all. It is intended to carry this out again in the near future.

There are two trail cameras that have been secretly set up in the old burial ground to record the wild life. We are eagerly waiting to see what images we have captured.

We have now at long last been given permission from Buckinghamshire Council to carry out the tree work in the next two years. We plan to start to remove trees suffering from ash dieback this autumn.

There will be a Churchyard Butterfly survey carried out this summer, so if you would like to take part please contact me. We also hope to erect bat boxes.

This is an on-going project and I hope more people will get involved as we go along.

Although this report only covers the work carried out in the churchyard and burial ground, I am hopeful that when our new vicar Malcolm is installed he will embrace all the aspects of ECO church. Not just our church lands but in our worship and teaching also so that one day we will be able to gain an A Rocha Gold Award.

Chris Nickless

18 Schools

Great Missenden CoE School

For the last two terms Tricia Neale and Lucy Wilson have been going into school fortnightly to Early Years and Reception jointly to have story time and lots of singing and actions! Lucy makes these occasions such fun with her violin playing which the children love. At the end of every term the classes come to Church (the walk being fun to enjoy the nature to talk about) and with Ken and Lucy's music we have relevant stories, music and walking, dancing and singing round the Church.

It is a valuable time spent with our children to bring them in contact with the God who loves them.

Tricia Neale

The Misbourne

Members of the Church provide support to The Misbourne School, the local Upper School, in many ways.

David Harris continues with his role of Trustee of the school with responsibilities for Health and Safety, and Careers. As the school has started to come out of the various restrictions, there have been some problems but the staff and pupils have coped well. Meetings have continued to be remote but the opportunities to visit the school and meet staff have increased. Jo Meloni, the head, left at the end of 2021 and Richard Peters, the new head, was able to start in January.

A Young Enterprise team was established in September with Martyn Green and David Harris providing adviser support. The team is making and selling candles based on recycled Gu jars which several Church Members have donated.

Active Work Experience: many members of the Church have provided career support to Misbourne students for many years. Activities have included practice interview days and CV workshops. This support is very valuable when they are going for real interviews, whether for further education or a change of school or for employment.

David Harris

19 Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church

2021 was the second year with Covid lock-downs and restrictions and the Friends' usual three or four annual Talks or Concerts were postponed for the second year running.

The Committee had meetings in September and November and we were delighted to welcome Paula Kitching, an historian and lecturer, as a trustee and Committee member, at the latter.

The Committee is most grateful for the continued kind support of our charity with subscriptions, donations and the purchases of home-made preserves. In 2021, we held three successful Tabletop sales of preserves, cakes and nearly-new items beside Great Missenden Library raising £1,742. There were just ten weeks of Sunday Cream Teas in 2021 when home-made preserves were on offer and a total of £1071 was raised.

The Christmas Tree Festival seemed to cheer everyone! The theme for the Friends' Christmas Tree was Stars. We had three tables in the Lady Chapel with preserves, gifts and our charity books and tea towels and £1001 was raised. Val Eaton Griffith's matchstick church model was on display, and much admired, as were Maurice Taylor's five wooden models of the church's development over nearly nine hundred years.

Several businesses kindly offer our preserves for sale: the new Church Parish Office in the High Street (near the Fire Station), Kingshill Taxi Office at the Railway Station, Wytham Village Store on the edge of Oxford, Missenden Greens, Bob's Fruit & Veg (sadly now closed) and Julie Chandler offers them from her porch. We are most grateful for their considerable fundraising support. There has been a wonderful supply of recycled jam jars and lids too – so ECO-friendly these days!

Jennifer Moss' fascinating book, "Personal Memories of World War Two ... from Great Missenden, Prestwood and beyond", has sold well during the past year. Having covered the printing costs, she is kindly donating all further proceeds to our charity. Copies (price £10), with a personal signing, are available: – jennifermoss@tiscali.co.uk / tel:01494 571690. They make excellent reading and presents!

Accounts

Our historic, mediaeval church needs a lot of care and repair! Grants of £1,500 were made in 2021 for the bi-annual gutter and down-pipe cleaning, repairs of drains and for alterations to church signboards because of Canon Rosie Harper's retirement. Considering that there were no normal fundraising "events" during 2021 (which always produce income) the Friends' income has held up well thanks to the level of subscriptions which have actually risen and a substantial increase in income from preserves and table-top sales (£6024 compared with £2595). The result was an increase in net income bringing the total bank balance to £66,915 at the year end.

Membership

Sadly, our numbers have dropped for a variety of reasons. To keep our charity healthy and to support vital repairs and restoration work we all urgently need to encourage more people to become members of the Friends: a warm welcome awaits them! The Parish Church is a valuable part of our heritage and such an important meeting place for the community of Great Missenden and well beyond.

Friends' events planned

for 2022 & 2023, all in the Parish Church: do come and join us if you can!

1. Saturday 14th May, at 10.30am: our Annual General meeting. Coffee/Tea from 10.15am

2. Saturday 16th July, at 2.30pm: "High Wycombe – Buckinghamshire's Premier Town".

A Talk by Julian Hunt, local Historian and Author with Afternoon Tea, Raffle, Sales of Preserves & books.

3. Saturday 8th October, at 2.30pm: A Concert by the Damon Singers.

Afternoon Tea, Raffle, Sales of Preserves & books will follow.

This is a free fundraising event, on behalf of the Friends, similar to the one kindly given in 2018 at Holy Trinity Church, Prestwood, for Jill Pateman's excellent War Memorial restoration project.

4. Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th December: Christmas Tree Festival. Our charity will decorate a tree as usual and offer home-made preserves and other table-top items.

5. Saturday, 22nd April 2023, at 2.30pm: "Air Miss – My Career in the Royal Air Force".

A Talk by Jo Laurie with Afternoon Tea, Raffle, Sales of Preserves & books.

The Committee

In spite of reduced fundraising events our team has given the usual grand support and enthusiasm during 2021 and we look forward to the forthcoming activities in 2022! The ten trustees are:-

Hon. Chairman: Vivienne Davis; Hon. Secretary: Jennifer Moss; Hon. Treasurer: Nevil Coulson; Ann Biscoe-Taylor; Jill Burton; Di Denney; Norma Gardner; Paula Kitching; Jill Pateman; Esther Rose.

The arrival in June 2022 of our new Parish Priest, the Revd. Malcolm Chalmers is eagerly awaited by everyone at church and we hope that he will join our Committee, taking Rosie Harper's place.

Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church celebrates its 25th Anniversary this year and we must pay tribute and warmest thanks to everyone who has supported us in so many ways since its foundation in 1997. Since 2000, grants of over £148,000 have now been made to the PCC for vital repairs and restoration – quite astonishing for a small charity!

Our charity's aim is to ensure that this sacred building continues to be a vital centre for Christian worship and other community activities.

A Message from Patricia Neale, LLM.

Another year has passed by and we are gradually emerging from the pandemic of the last two years. Nevertheless, throughout this time the Friends have continued to raise funds by selling their delicious marmalade, jams, cakes and goodies from a stall on occasions near the library.

These sales not only prove to be valuable, but the community are more aware of the need to keep the Parish Church in good order and enjoy the event too! Therefore we are all so grateful to the group who give so much time and energy throughout the year to keep the funds topped up!

Thankfully, the Friends were able to have one of their very successful afternoons in April listening to an excellent talk and enjoying one of the famous teas to follow. These occasions give such pleasure. We are very grateful for all the hard work that makes such a memorable occasion.

Our grateful thanks to you all for the energy, devotion and commitment that help us to keep our beautiful Church in good repair. We could not do without you!

Vivienne Davis

20 Oldham Hall

It has been another difficult time for the Hall over the past year. Bookings have been gradually picking up, and parties are returning. We have a few new people hiring, while some longstanding ones have left. The tea and coffee in the mornings has stopped for the time being as numbers are well down. The dropping off point for the children at the school has been altered, and there has been a change of pattern to the working day of parents after lockdown.

The boiler is running on borrowed time, and will need replacing in the short term, and there is a leak in the roofing above the Bromley room cupboard. As expected, our funds are down, and we will have to use our contingency money for future repairs.

We are very fortunate to have Pete Tomes as our cleaner/handyman. His connection with the school is very helpful, and Robin, the school caretaker, also gives a hand. We have been able to make a good saving, particularly on floor maintenance and general decoration.

Sally Clark

21 Financial accounts

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

Parish of Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden

	Note	Churches		Oldham Hall		CONSOLIDATED FUNDS	
		2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
FIXED ASSETS							
Freehold property				1	1	1	1
Piano	7	1	1			1	1
Lighting System	7	1	962			1	962
Accounting & Office Systems	7	255	789			255	789
CCTV	7	1	1			1	1
Sound System	7	3,537	6,047			3,537	6,047
Camera Streaming System	7	5,327	6,359			5,327	6,359
		<u>9,122</u>	<u>14,159</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>9,123</u>	<u>14,160</u>
INVESTMENT ASSETS	11	22,174	19,866	21,085	18,596	43,259	38,462
CURRENT ASSETS							
Debtors	8	16,988	21,797	0	0	16,988	21,797
Short-term deposits	16	0	25,000	0	0	0	25,000
Charibonds and Charifunds	16	60,000	60,000	0	0	60,000	60,000
Cash at Bank and In Hand	16	183,421	146,836	773	6,647	184,194	153,482
		<u>260,409</u>	<u>253,633</u>	<u>773</u>	<u>6,647</u>	<u>261,182</u>	<u>260,279</u>
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	9	-14,345	-12,020	-305	-527	-14,650	-12,547
NET CURRENT ASSETS		246,064	241,613	468	6,120	246,532	247,733
Intra-parish balances		-6,367	612	6,367	-612	0	0
NET ASSETS		<u>270,993</u>	<u>276,250</u>	<u>27,921</u>	<u>24,105</u>	<u>298,914</u>	<u>300,355</u>
FUNDS							
Unrestricted		49,004	56,444		0	49,004	56,444
Restricted	10	199,815	199,940	6,836	5,509	206,651	205,449
Endowment	11	22,174	19,866	21,085	18,596	43,259	38,462
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>270,993</u>	<u>276,250</u>	<u>27,921</u>	<u>24,105</u>	<u>298,914</u>	<u>300,355</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on th March 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

David Harris (Chairman)

Mike O'Farrell [Finance]

Parish of Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden

Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2021

		Church			
		2021		2020	
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
Incoming Resources	Note				
Incoming resources from donors	2a	83,082	2,640	121,866	3,478
Income from operating activities	2b	12,206	0	2,258	0
Income from investments	2c	3,335		3,023	
Other ordinary incoming resources	2d	4,231		1,590	
Grant from the Oldham Hall	2e	204		463	
Total Incoming Resources		103,058	2,640	129,200	3,478
Resources Used					
Grants	3a	0		251	
Activities directly related to the work of the church	3b	95,717	2,766	103,341	15,209
Fund-raising and publicity	3c	1,473		78	
Church management and administration	3d	13,309		9,548	
Total Resources Used		110,499	2,766	113,218	15,209
Net Incoming /(Outgoing) Resources		-7,441	-126	15,982	-11,731
Prior year adjustment					
Net movement in funds		-7,441	-126	15,982	-11,731
Balances brought forward at 1 January		56,445	199,941	40,463	211,672
Balances carried forward at 31 December		49,004	199,815	56,445	199,941

Parish of Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden

Form of Accounts

These accounts comprise the consolidated accounts of three churches in the parish of Great Missenden and the Oldham Hall charity (the Oldham Hall), a charity under the control of the PCC who are the managing trustees. Separate Oldham Hall accounts have been prepared.

To account for the activities of the whole parish, separate and consolidated balance sheets are included; the income and expenditure for the Oldham Hall have not been consolidated but shown by way of note (12).

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and the statement of recommended practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16th July 2014.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained; only the income arising may be used - either for the restricted or unrestricted purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds, which may be capital or income funds, are funds that are subject to specific wishes from a donor at the time of the gift or the terms of a public appeal.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used by the PCC for general purposes, and may include funds that have been designated by the PCC for particular purposes.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and Capital Sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by fund-raising events are accounted for gross as far as is notified by the organisers.

Sales of books and magazines from the church book-stall are accounted for gross. Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Gains and Losses on Investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments as at 31 December.

Resources Used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over or when an amount is set aside pending imminent payment.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated Land and Buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by Section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are inspected annually by the Deanery. For inalienable property acquired prior to January 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. No such property has been acquired since January 2000.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000 or the repair of removable church furnishings acquired before January 2000 is written off.

Freehold Property

The property of the Oldham Hall is included in the Balance Sheet at the nominal value of £1 as the cost and effort of obtaining a valuation is not justified for the purposes of any additional clarity or for the better understanding of these financial statements.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

The Piano gifted in 2005 has been written off, and has a nominal value of £1.

The CCTV system (purchased halfway through 2013) has been written off and has a nominal value of £1

The sound system (purchased in 2013 and deck in 2018) is being written off over 10 years.

The accounting system software/laptop (purchased early 2016 and 2018) is being written off over 3 years, as is the laptop for the Office acquired in 2020.

The lighting system installed in 2017 has been written off and has a nominal value of £1

The newly installed camera system for livestreaming is being depreciated over 5 years from 2021

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31st December 2021.

Parish of Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2021

2 Incoming Resources

	Churches			
	2021		2020	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
2a Incoming resources from donors				
Bank Giro Credits	53,701	2,570	51,895	1,820
Envelopes	285		5,082	50
Donations & Good box & Website donations	9,990	70	38,928	1,608
Bequests			0	
Income tax (to be) recovered	15,930		22,126	
Collection at all services	2,582		3,708	
Wallsafe	594		127	
	<u>83,082</u>	<u>2,640</u>	<u>121,866</u>	<u>3,478</u>
2b Income from operating activities				
Fees	17,596		7,255	
Less: Fees expended	-11,764		-5,268	
Cream Teas	3,512		0	
Other fundraising	2,686		140	
Bookstall	176		131	
Newsletter/magazine				
	<u>12,206</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,258</u>	<u>0</u>
2c Income from investments and deposits				
Investment income	3,335		3,023	
	<u>3,335</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,023</u>	<u>0</u>
2d Other ordinary incoming resources				
Miscellaneous	4,231		1,590	
	<u>4,231</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,590</u>	<u>0</u>
2e Grant from the Oldham Hall	204		463	
Total Incoming Resources	<u>103,058</u>	<u>2,640</u>	<u>129,200</u>	<u>3,478</u>

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Parish of Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2021

		Churches			
		2021		2020	
3 Resources Used		Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
3a Grants	Note				
Mission Giving	13			251	
Charities (inc. Spec. Collections)	13				
Donations	13			251	
		0	0	251	0
3b Activities directly related to the work of the Church					
Ministry		66,387		75,000	
		238		1,498	
		132		649	
Junior church			476		450
Organists+Musical Director & Organ	5	6,165	60	6,260	
Choir robes & Music				225	
Altar requisites		62		36	
Flowers			317		18
Maintenance & Repairs, Cleaning		4,764	-2,435	2,444	23,836
Contributions re fabric from the Church Friends			0		-12,112
Churchyards		2,391		2,707	
Energy & Water		5,261		4,992	
Insurance		5,628		5,630	
Printing, Stationery & Postage		1,998		1,752	
Newsletter/Magazine				260	
Depreciation of Lighting			961		962
Depreciation of Streaming System			1,332		0
Depreciation of Accounting System		534		534	
Depreciation of Sound Deck		454		454	
Depreciation of Sound System			2,055		2,055
Bookstall		116		47	
GM Vicarage		96			
Miscellaneous		1,491		853	
		95,717	2,766	103,341	15,209
3c Fundraising & Publicity					
Cream teas & other Fund Raising expenses		1,473		78	
		1,473	0	78	0
3d Church Management & Administration					
Office Rent & Expenses		328			
Administration, Telephones & IT	5	12,981		9,548	
		13,309	0	9,548	0
Total Resources used		110,499	2,766	113,218	15,209

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**Parish of Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

10 Restricted Funds	2021	2020
	£	£
Watson Cottages Sale Proceeds	90,149	90,149
Fabric Fund (see Note 14)	8,579	5,304
Repair and Improvements Appeal	63,124	64,457
Other	<u>37,963</u>	<u>40,030</u>
watch here!	199,815	199,940
Oldham Hall	<u>6,836</u>	<u>5,509</u>
	<u><u>206,651</u></u>	<u><u>205,449</u></u>

The principal Restricted Funds are to be used for:

Watson Cottages funds may be used for a house for a curate or caretaker or for any other ecclesiastical purpose in the Parish

Fabric Fund the improvement and maintenance of St Peter & Paul Church. West end masonry work paid from here.

Repair and Improvements Appeal the funding of capital projects, some of which were identified in the 2010 Appeal literature

11 Endowments	2021	2020
<i>[Value at the end of the year]</i>	£	£
Gentle Bequest	<u>22,174</u>	<u>19,866</u>
Church Hall Charity	<u>21,085</u>	<u>18,596</u>

The endowment funds are:

- (a) Gentle Bequest, of which the income is to be used for the General purposes of Great Missenden and Parish Church
- (b) Church Hall Charity (Oldham Hall) , of which the income is to be used for promoting the religious education of persons who are resident in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter and St Paul, Great Missenden.

12 Oldham Hall

The income and expenditure of this is attached as part of this report package.

All transactions are separately identified, however, following the closure of TSB, Great Missenden, banking is carried out within the PCC bank accounts.

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Parish of Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2021

13 Special Collections and Donations (Restricted)	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£
<i>Home Mission and other Church Societies</i>		
Childrens' Society	0	178
	<u>0</u>	<u>178</u>
<i>Secular Charities</i>		
Hope Secondary School [Bethlehem]	300	
Starlight re. Cards		83
Chesham Sick Poor Fund	300	
Toilet Twinning		150
A Rocha		325
Abraham's Children in Crisis [ACIC]	50	149
Wycombe Homeless Connection	300	478
Old Tea Warehouse	90	126
Wycombe Womens' Aid		30
Wycombe Refugee Charity	1,493	
	<u>2,533</u>	<u>1,341</u>
Total	<u>2,533</u>	<u>1,519</u>

There are small donations of goods by parishioners each year, mainly to the Old Tea Warehouse. The value of these goods is neither valued nor reflected above.

There will be further payment to ACIC regarding the recipe books when further sales are possible.

Also see Note 9, Liabilities, where any such Special Collections and Donations not paid out at 31st December are held as Restricted Funds liability.

14 Commitment under the Fabric Fund

There were circa £14000 commitments at 31st December 2021.

15 Donations

£600 has been donated by 'The Friends' and has offset the cost of certain ongoing maintenance.

16 Churches - Deposits, Investments , Bank and Cash Balances

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£	£	£
Virgin Money Deposit		0		25,000
see below				
Charibond	30,000		30,000	
Charifund	<u>30,000</u>	60,000	<u>30,000</u>	60,000
Bank Current/Deposits	183,019		146,306	
Petty Cash and Floats	<u>402</u>	183,421	<u>530</u>	146,836
Churches Liquid Funds		<u>243,421</u>		<u>231,836</u>
Charibond value 31-12-21	£34,783	[2020 £35,298]		
Charifund value 31-12-20	£33,823	[2020 £29,832]		

These values have not been reflected in the Balance Sheet as values can rise and fall daily. Income from these investments is reflected in the Accounts.

The Virgin Money Deposit was closed during the year and the £25000 placed in a CAFBank deposit account reflected above.

Great Missenden Church Hall Charity
(operating as "The Oldham Hall")

Income and Expenditure Account- Year to 31st December 2021

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Hall Income			
Rental charges		7,916	5,399
Donations			
Fund raising			
Net proceeds of refreshment sales - opening			
		<u>7,916</u>	<u>5,399</u>
Hall costs			
Cleaning		2,262	2,262
Light, Heat and Water		1,944	2,460
Insurance	5	941	1,079
Restoration, repairs, equipment and Fees		1,382	1,309
Administration and Sundries		60	100
		<u>6,589</u>	<u>7,210</u>
Net Hall Income/(Deficit)		1,327	-1,811
Interest and Investment Income		<u>634</u>	<u>438</u>
		1,961	-1,373
Grant from Watsons Cottages			
Grant to St Peter & Paul PCC		-634	-438
Transfer from/to Maintenance Fund			
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		<u>1,327</u>	<u>-1,811</u>

Great Missenden Church Hall Charity
(operating as "The Oldham Hall")

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2021

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Fixed Assets			
Freehold Property		1	1
Investment Assets		21,085	18,596
Current Assets			
Debtors			
Cash at Bank and in hand see note 12 PCC accounts		773	6,647
		<u>773</u>	<u>6,647</u>
Current Liabilities			
		305	527
Net Current Assets			
		<u>468</u>	<u>6,120</u>
Intra-Parish Balances			
		6,367	-612
		<u>27,921</u>	<u>24,105</u>
Funds			
General Fund 1st January 2021		5,509	7,320
Net surplus/deficit for the year		1,327	-1,811
		<u>6,836</u>	<u>5,509</u>
Maintenance Fund			
Endowment Fund		21,085	18,596
		<u>27,921</u>	<u>24,105</u>

David Harris Chairman

For and on behalf of The Parochial Church Council of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter and St Paul, Great Missenden
Managing Trustee of the Charity

James Innes FCA

Independent Examiner

March 2022

Great Missenden Church Hall Charity
(operating as "The Oldham Hall")

Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting Policies

- a Accounting Convention - these accounts have been prepared on the historical cost convention using the accruals basis to bring them in line with the accounting policies required under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005
- b Freehold Property - the property of The Oldham Hall is included in the Balance Sheet at the nominal value of £1 as the cost and effort of obtaining a valuation is not justified for the purpose of any additional clarity or for the better understanding of these financial statements
- c Investment Assets- Investment Assets are revalued at the end of the year using the closing mid-market valuation
- d Maintenance Fund- the Maintenance Fund was established for the purpose of setting aside monies to meet future maintenance expenditure of a substantial nature. This has now been closed after extensive refurbishment of the Hall.

2 Freehold Property

See note 1

<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
1	1

3 Endowment Fund

Balance 1st January
Unrealised loss/profit for the year
Balance 31st December

<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
18,596	22,500
2,489	-3,904
<u>21,085</u>	<u>18,596</u>

4 Intra Parish Balances

Current Account with St Peter & St Paul
This increase due to closing the Oldham Hall TSB account in January 2022 and funds transferred to the PCC CafBank Account in late 2021 and finally in early 2022

<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
6,367	-612
<u>6,367</u>	<u>-612</u>

5 Insurance

The Insurers [EIO] combined St Mary's Ballinger and Oldham Hall Insurance, and the Premium has been paid and charged within the overall Parish Church Accounts. The correct apportionment of the 2020 Premium has been reflected in the 2020 Accounts.
